

# MINUTES

## Workforce Connection

Of Central New Mexico

## Youth Council

Thursday, December 9, 2004

4:00 pm

MRCOG, 317 Commercial NE, First Floor Board Room

**Call to Order-** 4:07- by Mary Lee Martin

*Mary Lee Martin welcomed all Youth Council members- all members introduced themselves and gave a brief background.*

**Roll Call and Determination of Quorum-** Adrienne Smith

### **Present**

Karen Couch  
Bob Davey  
Robin Jordan  
Helen Lopez  
Gwen Manfre  
Mary Lee Martin  
Maria Rinaldi  
Emily Salazar  
Tom Savage

**Quorum was Established**

### **Excused**

Susan Brower  
John Dantis  
Marty Mondragon  
John Sapien

### **Absent**

Nancy Greene

**Approval of Thursday, December 9, 2004 Agenda**

**Motion:** Bob Davey

**Second:** Gwen Manfre

**No Discussion**

**Action:** Passed by Voice Vote

Tab 1. **Approval of Thursday, September 9, 2004 Minutes**

Tab 2. **Approval of Thursday, October 14, 2004 Minutes**

**Motion to approve all Minutes:** Bob Davey

**Second:** Karen Couch

**No Discussion**

**Action:** Passed by Voice Vote

## FINAL ACTION ITEMS

Tab 3. **Concurrence on Definition of Sixth Barrier for Youth Eligibility-** Background and Introduction by Adrienne Smith.

- Currently, for Central Area Youth to be eligible for the WCCNM program, a youth must be low income and possess a barrier.
- The list of barriers is strict, with one exception, that the sixth barrier can be defined by the local area.
- Defining the sixth and last barrier could help YDI case managers determine eligibility and potentially allow more youth to participate in the WCCNM program.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

**Motion: Bob Davey**

**Second: Gwen Manfre**

**Discussion Followed**

**Action: Passed by voice vote**

Tab 4. **Approval of WCCNM's Participation in About Face! A Program of the National Guard-** Background and Introduction by Adrienne Smith and Colonel Morgan of the NM National Guard.

- Ms. Smith went over the Youth Council's past questions and concerns regarding the About Face! program.
- Colonel Morgan explained the program to the new Youth Council members and those that may have had more questions are wanted an update.
- Ms. Smith noted that contract negotiations had not begun; procurement would be followed, and, if approved, WCCNM would contract with the New Mexico National Guard and/or its agent.
- The Youth Council recommend to the Board that WCCNM use set-aside and Office of Workforce Training and Development funds to set up About Face! for the period of January-August 2005. The Youth Council further directs WCCNM to enter into a contract with the National Guard and/or its agent to conduct the About Face! program. The Youth Council supports that the National Guard enter into a contract with YDI that ensures About Face! is an extension of, and not in competition with, WCCNM services. Details of the local delivery agreement will be negotiated between YDI and the National Guard and/or its agent.

**Questions and Comments Followed**

**Motion: Bob Davey**

**Second: Gwen Manfre**

**Discussion Followed**

**Action: Passed by voice vote**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tab 5. **Introduction of New Youth Council Members-** took place at the beginning of the meeting.

**Tab 6. First Quarter Performance Review of YDI-** by Adrienne Smith

- YDI is doing a good job and has been cooperative with the WCCNM. Remaining two items requested of YDI as contained in the contract were delivered this week.
- YDI has been asked to step up new enrollments (reported as 24 through November). Noted that expenditures on carry-in participants are low.
- Performance Measures for Older and Younger Youth should show change soon due to YDI's plan.
- WCCNM will continue to update the Youth Council on status of YDI's performance.

**Questions Followed**

**Tab 7. Program, Policy and Procedure Manual-** will be discussed at the January meeting

**REPORTS**

- **Administrative Reports-** none- have been discussed throughout

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT**

**Public Comment-** None

**Adjournment-** 5:00 pm

**NOTES**

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** January 13, 2005

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Mid-Region Council of Governments

**A more detailed account of the meeting and discussions are available for review at the MRCOG offices at: 317 Commercial NE, Suite 104 Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Approved at January 4, 2005 WCCNM Special Youth Council Meeting**